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**AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 5**

The issue of homelessness in Los Angeles County affects many families. As elected representatives we provide resources to those families who are challenged with low wages, high housing costs, and mental health and substance abuse issues.

Children who arrive on Skid Row with their parents must be assessed and placed in transitional housing, outside of Skid Row, where they may regain emotional, social and educational stability as soon as possible.

We can best serve families by providing permanent tools to attain true self-sufficiency, such as case management, intensive mental health therapy, substance abuse treatment and supportive services.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that:

1. A demonstration project is implemented with Beyond Shelter to help 500 homeless families from Skid Row in twelve months to move into permanent housing in residential neighborhoods, and provide families with six full months of

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case management support to help them achieve stability and prevent future homelessness. This program will enroll families in the “Housing First” model and provide emergency and transitional housing assistance, while helping them move into rental housing. Case management and child-focused in-home parenting will be provided.

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to use \$2 million from the \$80 million designation: “Homeless and Housing Program” to fund the demonstration project with Beyond Shelter.

3. An evaluation component must be incorporated into the Beyond Shelter contract in order to assess the effectiveness of the services to the 500 families.

The evaluation shall assess a family’s success in achieving the following:

- Transitional/permanent housing,
- Gainful employment
- Access to appropriate and necessary mental health or substance abuse treatment.
- Educational stability for children.
- Socialization/Recreational stability for children.
- Services to assist domestic violence victims.
- Other supportive services which assist families to attain self-sufficiency.

4. Direct the Alcohol and Drug Program Administration to provide the Board with a report back in September on:

- The current capacity of substance abuse detoxification and residential treatment beds and outpatient services;

- Any gaps in services or waiting times in the current system; and
- The amount of funding required to increase access for homeless persons requesting immediate substance abuse treatment.